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Title: Mixed Signal Integrated Circuit
With Improved Isolation

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action dated December 16, 2002, Applicant submits herewith the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on July 23, 2001 with claims 1-29. Claims 18-25 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 30 and 31 were added in an Amendment dated September 27, 2002. In the outstanding Office Action dated December 16, 2002, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1, 2, 6-9, 13-16 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,225,674 to Lim et al. (hereinafter "Lim"); and (ii) rejected claims 3-5, 10-12, 17, 26-29, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lim.

In this response, Applicant traverses the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections and respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 13-16 and 26-29 stand rejected under §102(e) as being anticipated by the Lim reference. Specifically, with regard to independent claims 1 and 26, which are of similar scope,

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